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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2911

USEC FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ECE - 32ND SESSION - RESOLUTION ON THE WORK AND
FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION - EC DRAFT

REF: A) GENEVA 2402; B) STATE 55312; C)ALBRECHT/MISSION
TELECON APRIL 20; D) LONDON 06360

1. EC DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE WORK AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES
OF THE COMMISSION (INCLUDING HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS) TABLED BY
UK ON BEHALF OF EC MEMBER COUNTRIES IN WESTERN CAUCUS.

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CHIEF SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES FROM TEXT TRANSMITTED REF A
ARE GREATER STRESS ON ROLE OF ECE IN PREAMBULAR PARA 7 AND
DELETION OF OPERATIVE PARA 7 NOTING "THAT CERTAIN MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECTS IN AREAS OTHER
THAN THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARE ALSO SUITABLE FOR
DISCUCCION AT HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS."

2. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AMENDMENT MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS, ONLY US HASTATED IN CAUCUS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF B) THAT IT HAS RESERVATIONS TO GOING AS FAR AS ECE DRAFT. AMENDMENTS EXPECTED FROM SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN CIRCULATED, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE DESCRIBED BY THE DELEGATIONS AS INSIGNIFICANT. HOWEVER, SOME DELEGATIONS ARE PRESSING FOR SOMETHING BEYOND THE EC DRAFT. WESTERN CAUCUS CHAIRMAN HAS URGED AGREEMENT ON WESTERN DRAFT BY THURSDAY APRIL 21 IN VIEW OF EXPECTATION THAT SOVIETS ARE ABOUT TO TABLE THEIR OWN DRAFT ON ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN RELAYED REF C, US DEL WILL ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH EC DRAFT AT WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING MORNING APRIL 20 AT 0945 HOURS. USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPRESS ANY RESERVATIONS.

4. TEST OF EC DRAFT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

DRAFT RESOLUTION 1(XXXII) - THE WORK AN FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE,

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RECALLING RESOLUTION 1(XXXI), THE DECISIONS REFERRED TO IN THAT RESOLUTION, AND RESOLUTION 2(XXXI),

REAFFIRMING IN PARTICULAR THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1(XXXI) RELATING TO THE VALUE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECE AND TO THE SIGNIVICANCE OF ITS ROLE IN THE MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE,

WELCOMING THE PROGRESS MADE IN ADAPTING THE WORK PROGRAMMES OF THE ECE TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT,

MINDFUL THAT THE ORGANISATION AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE ECE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF MEMBER STATES AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION AND THAT VALUABLE RESULTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN MANY FIELDS,

CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO MAXIMISE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE

WORK OF THE ECE AS A WHOLE AND OF THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A BETTER CO-ORDINATION, INTEGRATION AND CONCENTRATION OF THE WORK OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COMMISSION,

NOTING THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN HIS REPORT E/ECE/911 THAT THE AUTHORITY OF THE ECE COULD BE RE-INFORCED, AND ITS WORK IN THE RELEVANT AREA GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL IMPETUS, BY HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS PROPERLY PREPARED AND HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT,

AGREEING THAT IF A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WERE TO BE HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE IT WOULD REQUIRE A PRECISE AND CAREFULLY PREPARED AGENDA; THAT IT WOULD HAVE MEANING AND PURPOSE ONLY IF THE SUBJECT-MATTER BOTH REQUIRED A HIGH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AND HELD PROMISE OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS; THAT THE TOPICS UNDER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE OF CONCERN TO THE REGION AS A WHOLE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD NOT BE BEING DEALT WITH IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA; AND THAT THE NORMAL VENUE FOR SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE GENEVA, HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORTS OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES ON THEIR ACTIVITIES, THE NOTES BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION FOR 1977-78, AS WELL AS THE LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1978-82,

RECALLING THAT THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MULTILATERAL PROCESS INITIATED BY THE CONFERENCE, INTER ALIA, AT A MEETING AT THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO BE HELD AT BELGRADE IN 1977,

1. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE POTENTIAL OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR DEVELOPING THEIR MULTILATERAL CO-OPERATION;

2. REAFFIRMS THE DETERMINATION OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMISSION, THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE CALLING FOR MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION, MAKING APPROPRIATE ADAPTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME OF WORK, SEEKING FURTHER TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS ACTIVITIES, AND CONSIDERING WHETHER ADAPTATIONS TO ITS STRUCTURE AND WORKING METHODS ARE DESIRABLE TO THIS END;

3. WELCOMES THE CONSTRUCTIVE REPORT PREPARED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE (E/ECE/911) AND

TAKES NOT OF THE REPORTS WHICH HE HAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH DECISIONS B (XXXI) AND D (XXXI);

4. REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO TRANSMIT THE PRESENT
RESOLUTION, TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENT E/ECE/911, AND THE VIEWS
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EXPRESSED OR AGREED IN RELATION THERETO BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
AT THE 32ND SESSION TO THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE
COMMISSION FOR THEIR GUIDANCE;

5. INVITES THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
MEMBER STATES, TO CARRY OUT A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE TOPICS
WHICH, IN THE LIGHT OF THE VIEWS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, MAY BE
THOUGHT APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION AT A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE
ENVIRONMENT; AND TO REPORT TO THE 33RD PLENARY SESSION WHETHER
ANY OF THESE TOPICS ARE READY AND SUITABLE, IN TERMS OF THE
CRITERIA SET OUT EARLIER IN THIS RESOLUTION, FOR SUCH
CONSIDERATION;

6. FURTHER INVITES THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO REPORT TO THE
33RD PLENARY SESSION ON THE MODALITIES OF ORGANISING A HIGH-
LEVEL MEETING WITHIN THE ECE FRAMEWORK AND ON THE PROCEDURAL OR
ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES RELATED THERETO WHICH WOULD REQUIRE
DECISION BY MEMBER STATES BEFORE SUCH A MEETING WAS CONVENED;

7. APPROVES ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1977-78 AND ENDORSES
IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION,
ITS LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1978-81.

89 REQUESTS ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN
REVIEWING THEIR RESPECTIVE SHORT AND LONG TERM PROGRAMMES THE
RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION AS
WELL AS THE POINTS RAISED BY DELEGATIONS AND REPORTED IN THE
RELEVANT PASSAGES OF THE SUMMARYRECORDS AND THE REPORT OF THE
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION;

9. REAFFIRMS ITS WISH THAT THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES
SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE TOPICS
SPECIFICALLY REFERRED BY THE FINAL ACT TO THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR EUROPE FOR MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO THOSE SPELLEDO
OUT IN DECISION D(XXXI);
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10. ENVITES THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETING
IN BELGRADE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE ECE ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND
TO BE READY TO DELIVER IT THERE IF SO INVITED BY THE PARTIC-
IPATING STATES.

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